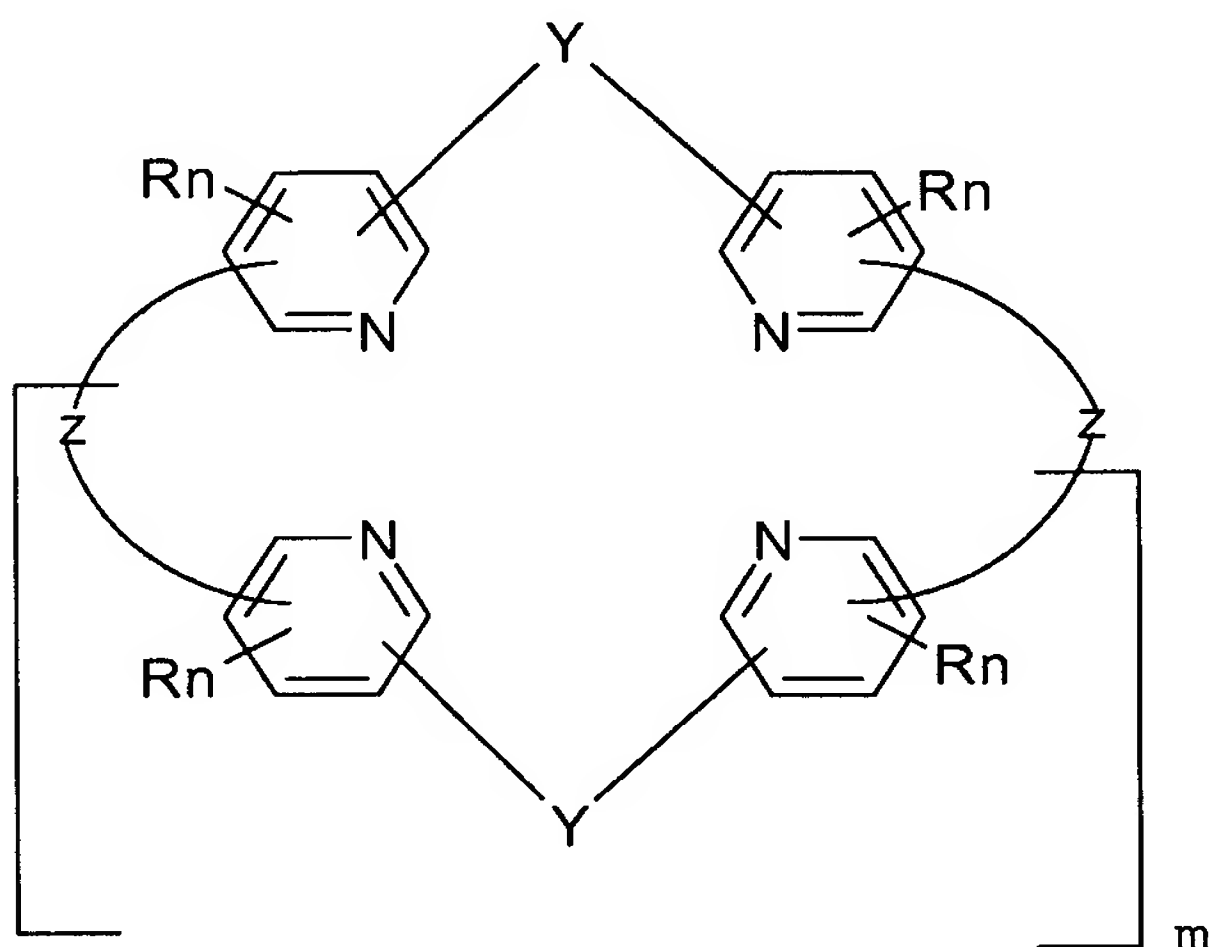


IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows.

Page 2, delete the paragraphs spanning lines 4-23 and insert the following therefor:

The invention thus relates to the use of nitrogeneous polycyclic derivatives for preparing drugs for treating neurodegenerative diseases, said derivatives having formula (I)



wherein

- m = 1, 2 or 3

- R_n is anyone of R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄, which are identical or different and represent H or represent one or several radicals and are selected in the group comprising [[-]]OH, an alkyl radical, [[-]]O-alkyl group, [[-]]NH₂, [[-]]NH-alkyl, [[-]]N(R₅, R₆), or an halogen selected in the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, the alkyl being in said radical or groups, a C₁-C₆ alkyl, ~~or an halogen selected between the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, R₅ and R₆~~ being a C₁-C₃ alkyl group,

- Y

- forms a phenyl group with both pyridines, optionally ortho-substituted by a substituent ~~[[R5]]~~ R7, or ortho-disubstituted by ~~R5 and R6~~ R7 and R8, said substituents being identical or different, and selected in the group comprising an alkyl radical, ~~[[-]]~~O-alkyl group, ~~[[-]]~~NH₂, ~~[[-]]~~NH-alkyl, ~~[[-]]~~N(R5, R6), or an halogen selected between the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, the alkyl being in said radical or groups a C1-C6 alkyl, ~~or an halogen selected between the group consisting of F, Cl, Br, and R5 and R6 are as~~ above defined

or

Page 3, delete the paragraphs spanning lines 1-10 and insert the following therefor:

- represents a group $-(CH_2)_{m1}-W-(CH_2)_{m2}-$, with m1 and m2 being 0, 1 or 2 ~~[[,]]~~ and W being a group ~~[[-]]~~CH₂, ~~-CH (R7)~~ CH (R9), O, or N ~~(R8, R9), R7, R8 and R9, identical or different,~~ N (R10), R9 and R10 being a C1-C3 alkyl radical, or H,

- Z is a linking arm of formula $-A-(CH_2)_n-U-(CH_2)_n-A-[[,]]$

- A being O or NH, and
- U being selected in the group comprising ~~[[-]]](CH₂)_{n1}[[-]], ~~-N (R1, R2), -COOH,~~ -OH, CHN (R5, R6), CHCOOH, CHOH~~

with n being a number from ~~[[2]]~~ 1 to 6, preferably from 2 to 4, and n1 being 0 or

1,